

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

6:00 p.m. – Call to order and convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(1), Personnel and PL 42-46-5(2), Contract and Litigation.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

III. MINUTES – March 16, 2005; March 21, 2005

IV. SPEAKERS – Agenda Items

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. RESOLUTIONS

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION

NO. 05-4-1 – Whereas, Michael C. Traficante has performed the duties of Athletic Coordinator for Cranston High School East and Cranston High School West for the past four years, and

Whereas, under Mr. Traficante's leadership, the high school teams have accomplished a record of twenty-seven State and/or Division Championships, and

Whereas, the Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association has chosen Mr. Traficante as this year's recipient of the RIIAAA's Athletic Director of the Year Award, and

Whereas, Mr. Traficante was honored at the RIIAAA's Annual Awards Banquet held Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Rhodes-on-the Pawtuxet,

Be it RESOLVED that Michael C. Traficante be recognized by the Cranston School Committee for his dedication and hard work in the area of athletics and on being recognized by the RIIAAA as Athletic Director of the Year, and

Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION

NO. 05-4-2 – Whereas, Steven Stoehr did an outstanding job as Head Coach of the Cranston High School West varsity football team during the 2004 fall sports season, and

Whereas, guiding his team to a 9-1 regular season record and a 12-1 overall record which included a very impressive 19-0 win over Cranston High School East in a great Thanksgiving Day Game as well as their very first Division I playoff victory over an excellent Portsmouth team 14-13, and

Whereas, through his continued hard work, endless preparation, and dedication throughout the entire football season helped Cranston High School West capture their very first Division I State Title by defeating LaSalle Academy 28-14 in the Division I Super Bowl in front of a packed Pierce Field predominately made up of fans dressed in red and gray, and

Whereas, because of his teams outstanding accomplishments throughout the entire football season, Steven has been recognized as the Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association Male Coach of the Year,

Be it RESOLVED that Steven Stoehr be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for his hard work and dedication to the sport of football, and

Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

SPONSORED BY MR. LUPINO

NO. 05-4-3 – RESOLVED, that Policy No. 5118.7, Affirmation of Residency Affidavit, be approved for first reading.

SPONSORED BY MR. LUPINO

NO. 05-4-4 - RESOLVED that an additional appropriation of approximately \$10,000 be budgeted for the purpose of hiring another part-time, non-benefited truant officer to expand the truancy enforcement effort and to enforce Resolution No. 05-4-3. This Resolution shall be adopted contingent upon the adoption of Resolution No. 05-4-3.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 05-4-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of elementary principal, be approved.

NO. 05-4-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of elementary principal, be approved

NO. 05-4-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of elementary principal, be approved

NO. 05-4-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of elementary principal, be approved

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NO. 05-4-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of elementary principal, be approved

NO. 05-4-10 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Lee Ann Freitas General Subject, K-12

Jeffrey Hornoff General Subject, K-12

Peter Zanfagna Physical Education and Health

Joan Robley Consumer Science

Lesa Volpe Elementary, 1-6

John Garcia III Elementary, 1-6

Michael Venagro Physical Education, PK-12

Katharine Anderson English

Nicholas Ruggieri General Subject, K-12

NO. 05-4-11 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:

**Jacqueline Hurley, Nurse-Teacher
Special Services
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Muriel Townsend, Art
Cranston High School West
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Barbara DiNunzio-Hall, Elementary
Stone Hill School**

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

**Carolyn Davenport, Elementary
Rhodes School**

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

**Walter R. Jeschke, Elementary
Edgewood Highlands School**

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

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**Charlene Haley, Mathematics
Western Hills Middle School
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Jacqueline A. Ralston, Social Studies
Western Hills Middle School
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Judith Dole, Guidance
Elementary**

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Thomas Kane, Guidance

Western Hills Middle School

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Paula Munko, Special Education

Garden City School

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Judith Bruzzese, Guidance

Elementary

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Evelyn Baker, Reading

Itinerant

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

John Mansella, Social Studies

Western Hills Middle School

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Joseph Picano, Physical Education and Health

Western Hills Middle School

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

NO. 05-4-12 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

Jason Daniels, Assistant, Boys' Outdoor Track, Cranston High School West

Step – 4

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School and College

Experience – Assistant Track/Cross Country Coach, Coventry, Rhode Island

Certification – RI Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

Erin Miga, Assistant, Boys' Volleyball, Cranston High School East

Step – 2

Class – D

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Playing Competition – Cranston High School East/Rhode Island College

Experience – Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach, Cranston High School East

Certification – RI Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

NO. 05-4-13 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach be accepted:

Bradley Kaffenberger, Head Boys' Soccer
Cranston High School West
Effective Date: April 11, 2005

NO. 05-4-14 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee be recalled from layoff:

Karen Harrop, Teacher Assistant
Gladstone School
Effective Date: April 25, 2005

NO. 05-4-15 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

Marie Noel, Bus Monitor
Transportation
Effective Date of Employment: March 21, 2005
Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Carmelite Massena, Bus Monitor
Transportation
Effective Date of Employment: March 21, 2005
Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Manuel Rodriguez, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment: March 21, 2005

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Carol Ziobrowski, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment: March 21, 2005

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Margarita Vanhoolandt, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment: March 30, 2005

Fiscal Note: 30847179 511000

Joyce Cerullo, Three-Hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment: March 30, 2005

Fiscal Note: 33047179 511000

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NO. 05-4-16 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

SECRETARY

Paula Holt

CUSTODIAN

Armand Brochu

NO. 05-4-17 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Donna Darling, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date: April 3, 2005

Joseph Cardilli, Jr., Four-hour Custodian

Plant

Effective Date: April 1, 2005

Nilda Silverio, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: April 1, 2005

Josefa German, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: March 30, 2005

GRANTS

NO. 05-4-18 - RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to the Rhode Island Department of Education, the following grant:

Enhancing Education through Technology, Model \$118,314.63
Classroom Initiative

BUSINESS

NO. 05-4-19 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Athletic Supplies in the amount of \$21,275.29.

Number of bids issued 33

Number of bids received 18

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Pumping of Waste Water in the amount of \$6,992.50 per year for the period of July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2008. Also, for the pumping of Sewer Ejector Tanks in the amount of \$660 per year and the pumping of Grease Traps in the amount of \$1,155 per year for the same period.

Number of bids issued 5

Number of bids received 2

Cleaning of Boilers in the amount of \$8,845 for 2005; \$9,212 in 2006; and \$9,597 in 2007.

Number of bids issued 3

Number of bids received 1

Health Consultant services at the following rates: \$19,139/year for 2005-2006; \$19,713.17/year for 2006-2007; \$20,304.56 for 2007-2008; and \$20,913.69 for 2008-2009.

Number of bids issued 4

Number of bids received 1

Plan Books in the amount of \$2,548.20

Number of bids issued 7

Number of bids received 3

Printed Forms in the amount of \$6,500.53

Number of bids issued 8

Number of bids received 3

Subscriptions in the amount of \$8,381.51

Number of bids issued 4

Number of bids received 3

NO. 05-4-20 - RESOLVED, that the following Grant purchases be approved:

Automotive Tools in the amount of \$9,722.04 (funding from the Perkins Grant.)

Number of bids issued 18

Number of bids received 4

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 05-4-21 - Whereas, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. requires that the Cranston School Committee adopt the Mission Statement for Cranston High School West,

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Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee adopt the following Mission Statement:

The mission of Cranston High School West is to empower and

support all students to become responsible for their learning, to strive to reach their potential, to become a community of diverse learners, to treat others with courtesy and respect, and to become productive members of our society.

Administration:

The Cranston High School West administrative leadership team is committed to fostering a safe, personalized, learning environment that supports quality and creative instructional strategies and a variety of assessment practices that enable our students to demonstrate proficiency in both content and school-wide expectations.

Faculty:

The Cranston High School West Faculty is committed to providing quality instructional programs that foster growth in knowledge of core concepts and develop both higher order thinking skills and problem solving strategies in a personalized environment.

Student:

The Cranston High School West student body is committed to striving for academic excellence by being accountable for its learning, by applying its knowledge to real world situations, by demonstrating proficiency in social and school-wide expectations, and by adhering to approved school policies.

Community:

The Cranston High School West community, as educational partners with administration, faculty, and students, is committed to participating in various school and community groups, by advocating appropriate funding, by encouraging students to be responsible for their choices, and by providing students with site-based learning opportunities.

NO. 05-4-22 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the revised curriculum guide and framework in the area of English Language Arts for Grades 6 through 12, be approved for second and final reading.

NO. 05-4-23- RESOLVED, that Policy No. 4112.5, Athletic Coaches, be approved for second and final reading.

VII. SPEAKERS – Non-agenda Items

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Notice Posted: April 7, 2005

PERSONNEL 4112.5

ATHLETIC COACHES

All coaching positions, not just new positions or those in which the incumbent had decided he/she was not interested in reappointment will be adequately posted in each school building by the Superintendent. The position may at the discretion of the Athletic Director be advertised in a local newspaper.

Positions covered by this article shall be filled on the basis of the best qualified person available. Qualified person is defined as an applicant with knowledge and experience in the particular sport.

Coaches will be evaluated by the Athletic Director and Principal.

A coach will be evaluated yearly.

After a formal evaluation, the evaluators and the coach will agree on a time for a conference to be held as soon as practicable.

A coach will be allowed to review a copy of the evaluation and will have the right to discuss said evaluation with their evaluators and initial said evaluation before the evaluation is placed in their personnel files.

Any complaints regarding a coach, made to the administration by any parent, student, or other person, which is considered in evaluating said coach will be promptly shared with said coach.

A satisfactory evaluation is required for a coach to be considered for appointment to a new position or a reappointment to their previous coaching assignment.

The Athletic Director will provide the coach with a copy of the position's requirements. The coach will sign acknowledging receipt of said document.

Failure to comply with the requirements will result in the coach not being reappointed.

Policy Adopted: _____ CRANSTON PUBLIC

SCHOOLS

Resolution No. _____ CRANSTON, RI
5118.7

STUDENTS

AFFIRMATION OF RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT

The Cranston Public Schools has constantly established a reputation for excellence, and due to their success and Cranston's proximity to other urban areas, Cranston Public Schools may occasionally attract students who may not live in Cranston.

The committee hereby authorizes the Superintendent to include and require the attached affidavit (see Exhibit A) to be signed (along with the disciplinary code letter of understanding) at the beginning of each school year, or, in the case of new students entering during the school year, before such students are admitted.

This affidavit should identify the student, his or her parent, guardian, or approved caretaker along with the legal Cranston address where the student resides. This shall be a legally binding agreement for the

liability of payment of out-of-district tuition (as set by the committee) by the parent, guardian, or caretaker should it be determined that the student does not reside in Cranston. The student will be automatically demitted from the school and may not be re-admitted until such time as proof of residency is made.

This affidavit would exclude those out-of-district students who attend the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, the New England Laborers'/Cranston Public Schools' Construction Career Academy, or any out-of-district students attending Cranston Public Schools under state and federal mandates.

**Policy Adopted: _____ CRANSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

Resolution No.: _____ CRANSTON, RI

5118.7

(Exhibit A)

**CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AFFIDAVIT**

Caution: Read this statement carefully before signing. This document requires you to provide information which, if not true, could make you responsible for the payment of tuition for your child to attend the Cranston Public Schools.

I.
I, _____, affirm that

(name) (child's
name)

whose birth date is _____resides

permanently with me at

(month/day/year)

**my residence at _____, in
the Cranston, RI**

(street address)

Public School District. I am the (check one):

_____ custodial parent

_____ legal guardian

_____ state appointed custodian

**_____ person responsible for the child who resides with me for other
than**

the sole purpose of attending the Cranston Public Schools

**of the above-named child. Submitted with this statement, if
applicable, is a certified copy of a court order granting me custody,
legal guardianship, or temporary state custody of the above-named
child.**

II.

I understand that only legal residents of the City of Cranston, who are otherwise eligible, are entitled to be educated by the City of Cranston without charge.

III.

If any of the information above ceases to be true, I shall immediately notify the Cranston Public Schools in writing and, if the child is permitted to remain in the Cranston School System, I will be responsible for payment of tuition for the child at the prevailing district rate on a pro-rated basis (unless otherwise permitted to remain in the district by applicable law or regulation.) Such payment shall be charged from the date that any of the above information ceases to be true. Such tuition shall become immediately due and payable.

I affirm that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Signature

Date